

Johnson is a deacon there and Mrs. Johnson is a deaconess as well as a church mother. This couple embodies the spirit of matrimony and faith as they travel together to visit the sick. They also hold weekly prayer service at a facility for senior citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson inspire others with their words of encouragement and their harmonious demeanors.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in letting Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson, Sr.'s family, friends and congregation know that their 60th anniversary is indeed a cause for celebration.

HONORING ASIAN COMMUNITY
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Asian Community Mental Health Services of Oakland, California for 30 years of invaluable service to the community.

Asian Community Mental Health Services (ACMHS) was founded in 1974 with the objective of providing community based mental health services to the East Bay's Asian Pacific Islander Community. The services provided by ACMHS are unique in that they are designed not only to provide care that is comprehensive, but that is structured in accordance with the cultural background of the patients it serves. ACMHS services are available in twelve languages and dialects, and aim to serve Oakland's Asian Pacific children, adolescents, adults, and their families.

The role played by ACMHS in Oakland's Asian Pacific Islander community is truly vital due not only to the caliber of health service it provides, but also because of its continuous involvement in community life through the working relationships it has cultivated with virtually every major social service provider in the East Bay. ACMHS is able to maintain and broaden the scope of its services not only by coordinating with these organizations in order to deliver high quality health care to its patients, but also by sponsoring and participating in a variety of community-building programs and events such as the ACMHS Annual Multi-Ethnic Conference, and the recent establishment of the ACMHS Neighborhood Learning Center in Oakland.

On October 7, 2004, Asian Community Mental Health Services will be celebrating its 30th anniversary in Oakland, California. I would like to mark this occasion by commending this organization for the exceptional service it has provided to the community not only in its capacity as a health service provider, but also as a leader in working to strengthen cultural and community ties among the people of Oakland. By remaining committed to the areas of health and multicultural awareness throughout its thirty years of service, ACMHS has contributed enormously not only to the East Bay's Asian Pacific Islander community, but also to the 9th Congressional District as a whole. I salute and congratulate Asian Community Mental Health Services for 30 remarkable years of service.

IN HONOR OF THE JEWISH HIGH
HOLY DAYS

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 2004

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, in the Jewish community this time of year is marked by reflection thanksgiving, consecration, and celebration. It is a time to reflect on the events of the past year and be thankful for family and friends whose love and support guide and inspire us each day. And it is a time to rededicate ourselves to our commitment to tikkun olam, repairing our world, both at home and abroad.

It is also a time to remember our commitment to our democratic ally and friend, the state of Israel. Israel stands as a symbol of Jewish prosperity and survival that dates back more than 5,000 years. This strong tradition is why we must continue to work and pray for peace.

Over the past year we have again witnessed continued violence in the Middle East, but steps have also been taken to reinvigorate a peace process between Israelis and Palestinians. We must continue to support these efforts and remain optimistic that they will result in a lasting peace for all in the region. It is time for all parties to the Roadmap to use the opportunities presented by the Sharon plan to bring an end to the violence and achieve lasting peace in the Middle East.

As we begin the year 5765, we are also celebrating 350 Years of Jewish Life in America and American Jewish History Month. Last year, the Congress recognized and marked this anniversary by passing a resolution noting the important contributions of the American Jewish community to our nation's civic, social, economic, and cultural life. Indeed, as my colleagues observed, the American Jewish community has "sought to actualize the broad principles of liberty and justice that are enshrined in the Constitution of the United States."

In Congress, my Democratic colleagues and I are fighting to bring prosperity, opportunity and security to every corner of America. We are committed to growing the economy; to expanding access to quality affordable health care; to keeping our promise to our children for safe schools with well-paid teachers; to honoring our historic commitment to seniors so they can retire with security and dignity; to sustaining a healthy environment; to upholding the separation of church and state; to protecting civil rights; and to fighting discrimination in all forms.

I pray that we all experience peace, prosperity, opportunity, and security in the New Year. L'Shana Tova Tikatevu.

HONORING POW/MIA RECOGNITION
DAY

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 2004

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is National POW/MIA recognition day. This annual day of recognition honors those brave soldiers

who served valiantly to protect our liberties but remain unaccounted for. America remains vigilant in its effort to see that each one of these nearly 93,000 brave soldiers are identified, accounted for, and returned to their families. Recently, I met with representatives from the Department of Defense Prisoner of War—Missing Personnel office and was pleased to learn of the Department's steadfast dedication to see to it that each one of these POW/MIA cases is resolved.

America owes an enormous debt of gratitude to those who have answered the call to defend our freedoms and there is no better way to honor that debt than to remain committed to bringing closure to the suffering for each of their families. We will never forget the sacrifices that thousands of American Soldiers have made throughout the world in the name of liberty and freedom, and we must do everything we can to help bring the POW/MIA soldiers home.

To date, the Department of Defense lists 1,854 Americans as missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War. There are 1,415 in Vietnam, 377 in Laos, 55 in Cambodia and 7 in PRC (People's Republic of China) territorial waters.

I display the POW/MIA flag outside my office as a constant reminder to those who visit, that there are heroes who have not yet made it home. I encourage my colleagues to join me tomorrow in honoring these brave soldiers by renewing our resolve to close these cases and end the suffering caused by the uncertainty of their fate.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
SHERMAN HENDRICKS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Sherman Hendricks, United States veteran, beloved family member, friend and mentor to many.

Mr. Hendricks was committed to family, faith, community and country. He proudly and honorably served our country as a member of the United States Army, and was a veteran of the Korean War. Following his honorable discharge, Mr. Hendricks brought the integrity and strong work ethic that was reflected in his service to our country to his work and community service.

Back in Cleveland, Mr. Hendricks worked diligently at Anchor Industries and RBW Company. He loved his work and developed long-lasting friendships with colleagues. He was always known as a giving, caring person who would go the extra mile for anyone in need. His concern for others branched out into the community, where he was active in the Cuyahoga County Republican Party as a Precinct Committee Person, a position he held for nearly forty-two years. Additionally, Mr. Hendricks continually inspired others within his church community. He served as a Senior Trustee at the Antioch Chapel Baptist Church of Cleveland, and read Scripture every morning at 7:00 am without fail.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Sherman Hendricks, an outstanding American citizen whose

integrity, warmth, and concern for others has left an indelible mark upon our Cleveland community. I extend my deepest condolences to Mr. Hendricks' beloved sisters and brothers, Celestine Maudlin, Isabelle Hendricks, Napoleon Hendricks, Spencer Hendricks and William Hendricks; to his many nieces and nephews and to his extended family members and many friends. Although he will be deeply missed, the wonderful life and legacy of Sherman Hendricks will be remembered always by all whom he loved and inspired—especially his family and closest friends—today, and for generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO MS. BARBARA KUKLA

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 2004

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Barbara Kukla, an outstanding member of my community who has been the lifeblood of the community spirit and cultural vitality of my hometown of Newark.

She is a writer, a journalist, a historian, a mentor, and was the award-winning Star-Ledger Editor of "Newark This Week," a 4-page weekly section that highlighted events important to original Newarkers, helping to make local events more successful and creating a community meeting place for all our citizens. Barbara's thorough and sustaining coverage of Newark news generated public interest in local events, contributing greatly to the growth and development of our city.

Her love for Newark is not only limited to current events, but includes its rich past. She shared a great friendship with Miss Rhapsody, a legendary Newark jazz singer, who introduced her to many local musicians and piqued her interest in the thriving music scene. Barbara's involvement led to countless hours of research and writing, establishing her as the preeminent historian on Newark's prominence from the 1920s to the present, and inspiring her first book, *Swing City*. Her second book, *Defying the Odds*, follows the lives of eight of Newark's most distinguished women, and includes the biographies of 180 others.

Among her many honors, Barbara has received a Recognition Award from the Newark Preservation & Landmarks Committee, the Newark Community Development Network's Charles E. Cummings Award, the Newark Do Something's Lifetime Award for Community Leadership, the Metropolitan Baptist Church of Newark's Living Legend Award, and the John Cotton Dana Distinguished Lecturer Award, named after the founder of the Newark Museum and Library.

In support of the Barbara Kukla Scholarship Fund, Barbara will be hosting Newark Stars on Parade for Newark Students, a star-studded event which will feature a wide-ranging array of music by artists who were either born in Newark or have long-time ties to our city. Stars such as Gloria Gaynor, Melba Moore, the Monotones, Drinkard Singers II, Yvette Glover, the South Side High School Madrigals, Robert Banks, Carrie Smith, Kevin Maynor, Don Williams and Lady CiCi, Gwen Moten, BJ Plus Forty, Pam Purvis and Bob Ackerman, Carrie Jackson, and Gil "Bebop" Benson will all be on hand to showcase their musical tal-

ent in support of our students. The proceeds from this extravaganza will be used to provide college scholarships for Newark high school graduates and to aid others who are struggling to stay in school.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in extending my thanks to my neighbor, Ms. Barbara Kukla, for her contributions to the civic and cultural life of our community, and I invite my colleagues to join me in sending our congratulations for her outstanding achievements which celebrate what is best and brightest about our city, and have brought such positive recognition to the city of Newark.

TRIBUTE TO THE PINELANDS CULTURAL SOCIETY

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 2004

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Pinelands Cultural Society as it celebrates its 30th year of incorporation with a special celebration concert at Albert Music Hall on November 20, 2004.

The Pinelands Cultural and Historical Preservation Society is a grass roots, non-profit, all-volunteer organization that has been operating in southern New Jersey for the past three decades to preserve the cultural heritage of the New Jersey Pinelands region.

The Society's goals include preservation and stimulation of interest in South Jersey's musical and cultural heritage. Running a live show 50 Saturday nights each year, plus special occasion Sunday shows, the proceeds, along with individual donations of time, talents and money have culminated in the creation of the present 35-seat concert hall building called "Albert Music Hall" which serves as a "living history" venue for the presentation of live acoustic music concerts in the decades-old tradition of people indigenous to the Pinelands area. It also serves as a repository for extensive historic archives including audiotape and videotape recordings, documentation and photographs reflecting life in the New Jersey Pines from the early 1900s.

Albert Music Hall has been inducted into the American Folklore Center, Local Legacies Collection Archive at the Library of Congress, and is also registered in the Library of Congress' Moving Image Collections Archive Database.

Thus, I am pleased to recognize the efforts of an expert staff of volunteers for their efforts in bringing New Jersey's history to life. I congratulate them, and wish them many more decades of success.

ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 2004

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, in the one minute it will take to read these remarks, an Uzi can fire off 1,700 rounds.

Uzis and similar assault weapons are about to be legal again, as if we don't have enough to worry about in America.

For the past ten years, the assault weapons ban has protected Americans from these lethal, military-designed guns.

These weapons are not used for hunting animals. They are used to kill human beings.

The assault weapons ban has bipartisan support, both in Congress and across the nation.

Seventy-five percent of Americans want to see the ban extended. Even two-thirds of gun owners favor renewing the ban.

Yet the Republican leadership has refused to take action. Now, these killing machines will be back in circulation.

Good and decent people won't buy them. Those who hate us will, and we have just made it easier.

The President says he favors the ban, but he made no effort to get his Republican leadership, which controls both the House and Senate, to bring the issue up for a vote.

IN HONOR OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF LA PROVIDENCIA FAMILY CENTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Catholic Charities' La Providencia Family Center, a Hispanic Senior Center that exists to provide support, programs and services for Cleveland's westside elderly Hispanic citizens.

In 1984 several community leaders and residents within the Cleveland Hispanic community came together to address the issue of Cleveland's vulnerable and increasing elderly Hispanic population. The facility, programs and services that were developed twenty years ago have evolved over the years, but the vision, assistance and compassion has remained a constant source of comfort and hope for countless seniors and their families.

Along with providing vital services such as transportation, health screenings, home visits, social activities and events, the bi-lingual and bi-cultural Center staff and volunteers consistently understand and focus on the cultural and linguistic needs of those whom they serve. All services provided at La Providencia are offered without regard to race, religion, gender, disability or ability to pay.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the La Providencia Family Center—Cleveland's Westside Hispanic Senior Center. For two decades, the Center has existed as a vital lifeline to our elderly Hispanic citizens, providing hope, health and a true understanding and connection to the homeland of every senior who visits there.

TRIBUTE TO THE NEW JERSEY BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 2004

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a landmark achievement of the hardworking men and women of New Jersey. This month, the New Jersey Building and Construction Trades Council will be holding its